

watchers, and others. Jan is especially proud of her work with the 'Dismantling Racism Team' of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches.

Not only do her social justice interests know no bounds, but her combination of skills and approaches to the pursuit of justice make her a relentless champion. She has built local, national, and international coalitions against injustice.

Finally, Jan demonstrates seemingly limitless personal commitment. She brings care and compassion to every struggle. Through her coalition building, she has crafted a peace movement that focuses on the humanity of everyone, including policymakers and the peace leaders.

I am indebted to Jan for her expertise, her friendship, and the example of her leadership, and I am honored to have this opportunity to thank her for her lifelong commitment to equality and peace.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jan Sanders on her recognition. I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending her for service and dedication.

LECH WALESA DAY IN ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to announce that the Illinois General Assembly passed a resolution which declares February 9th to be Lech Walesa Day in Illinois. I have been honored to meet this great patriot during both of my trips to Poland, and fully support this tribute to a man who spent his life fighting for liberty and democracy.

Lech Walesa is a freedom fighter. He fought for the rights of the worker as a trade union activist in the Gdansk shipyards. He is a man who fought to lift the yoke of communism and oppression off of the Polish people and as President of Poland led them into a new age of democracy. President Walesa helped fight for the rights and freedoms of Poles past, present, and future.

President Walesa has always followed his moral compass, which led him towards freedom and democracy. Representing a district which has more than 110,000 people of Polish and Polish-American descent, it is my honor to salute a truly great world leader of the 20th century, President Lech Walesa.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 34, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 35, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO DR. HENRY LEWIS III

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Henry Lewis III. After conducting a year-long, nation-wide search, The Florida Memorial University Board of Trustees chose Dr. Lewis to serve as the university's 12th president in 2011. I congratulate him on thirty-five plus years of leadership and service to the Florida community.

Dr. Lewis is recognized for his passion through his motto of transforming educational outlets from Good to Great. This educational passion pushed him to increase FAMU College of Pharmacy's endowment from \$1 million to more than \$22 million. Dr. Lewis is responsible for educating and training 25 percent of the nation's African-American pharmacists. In addition to his legacy as an educator, he raised over \$95 million in biomedical research training grants.

Dr. Lewis has also transitioned his exceptional leadership skills in the community serving as the first African-American elected to the Leon County Board of County Commissioners in Tallahassee, Florida. While a Commissioner, he established the county's Minority Business Enterprise program, developed the branch health clinic network, successfully advocated legislative funding for a \$2.5 million clinic building and strategically placed a \$20 million public library downtown adjacent to the C.K. Steele bus terminal, making it reachable to all Tallahassee citizens.

Dr. Lewis is frequently lauded as a leader amongst leaders. He has been the recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award, Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Award, Outstanding Tallahassee Award and Pharmacist of the Year. Colleagues, please join me in saluting Dr. Henry Lewis III, whose future educational investments will continue to create the nation's future global leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR MARCUS CLARK, PIPER CITY, ILLINOIS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Mr. Marcus Clark, former Mayor of Piper City, Illinois, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Clark passed away on Thursday, February 2nd at the age of 82 at his home in Piper City.

Mr. Clark was born September 23, 1929, in Latona, Illinois and spent his childhood in Piper City, graduating from Piper City High School. He married Phyllis June Read in 1952 and together they had six children. Following his service to our country in the Army, Mr. Clark was an active member of the Gibb Post 588 of the American Legion, as well as Rotary and Eastern Star. He was the Plant Manager for Louis Melind in Onarga and announced football games in Piper City for 22 years.

Mr. Clark served as the Mayor of Piper City for twelve years and was also a Board mem-

ber. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed golfing. His rich legacy lives on through his family of five children, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three siblings.

Mr. Clark was a tremendous ambassador for Piper City, and he will be missed. Thank you, Mr. Clark, for your service to your country and your support of your community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 6, 2012, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 34 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 537) and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 35 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1162, as amended).

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD PHILLIPS

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a true American hero. Harold Phillips of Moorestown, New Jersey, will soon be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Harold was a member of our Nation's first African American combat unit, the 51st Defense Battalion, at a time when discrimination pervaded our society. Harold has lived a life of patriotism and service to his community, his State and his country. He is a pioneer who forged a path for future generations of African-American men and women to serve their country in the Armed Services. I am proud to call Harold Phillips my constituent and I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300-132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,335,666,215,381.09. We've added \$10,534,261,040,086.81 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.